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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 300 IN FEBRUARY TO 421,000

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 300 jobs in February, as gains in the Manufacturing sector more than offset seasonal decreases in Nonmanufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 421,000 in Feburary. This figure represents a monthly gain of 300 jobs and is 4,700 greater than the year ago level of 416,300.

MANUFACTURING

Overall manufacturing employment in Rhode Island increased by 900 from January to February. Furthermore, the current figure of 119,700 is 800 more than the February 1985 level of 118,900. In the Durable Goods category, the February employment total of 81,800 was up 700 from the prior month and increased by 300 jobs compared to a year ago. Payrolls in the Nondurable Goods producing industries rose 200 in the January-February period to a level of 37,900, which was 500 above the figure recorded in February 1985.

Within the Durable Goods category, the most substantial monthly job gain occurred in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing sector (+500) followed by smaller advances of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment. In contrast, monthly decreases of 100 each were registered in Fabricated Metals and Jewelry-Silverware, while employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries was un-

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VETERANS' JOB TRAINING PROGRAM EXTENDED UNTIL 1987

Good news for both Rhode Island employers and veterans! The Veterans' Job Training Act (VJTA) has been reopened to Vietnam-era and Korean Conflict veterans and allows them to apply for benefits and training through January 31, 1987 and the deadline to enter job training has also been extended to July 31, 1987. Veterans interested in getting job training under the VJT program must be currently unemployed and out of work for 10 of the 15 weeks prior to applying. They may apply for certification at any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service or the Veterans Administration.

Participating employers are reimbursed for one-half of the starting wages for training eligible veterans, up to $10,000 per trainee. In return, the employer promises to hire the veteran after job training.

Thus far about 42,000 long-term unemployed veterans in the country have received job training under this program since its inception in 1984, including 374 in Rhode Island which ranks number one in New England and eighth in the United States.

Employers interested in learning more about the Veterans' Job Training program are invited to contact any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on page two of this Bulletin. You may also place your job orders with the Job Bank by calling 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

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EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road,
Middletown, ...847-3680
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OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1986-P	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Total Placements	1,144	1,061	916
New Applications	3,830	3,220	4,049
New Openings Rec'd.	1,856	1,867	1,541

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	% Change Jan. 1986
Initial Claims	8,457	11,750	- 28.0
No. of Payments	62,533	73,788	- 15.3
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,085,696	$ 9,360,195	- 13.6
Exhaustions	936	1,075	- 12.9

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Initial Claims	3,434	3,604	3,737
No. of Payments	21,748	24,208	21,003
Amt. of Payments	$ 2,851,713	$ 3,165,045	$ 2,574,648

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	496.9	496.7	493.7
Unemployment	26.2	26.2	29.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	5.3	6.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.6	4.5	5.3

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	323.1	328.1	325.5
Unemployment	16.5	14.0	19.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	4.3	6.0

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	164.9	166.0	161.7
Unemployment	9.7	8.9	11.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.9	5.4	6.9

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	32,325	32,790	31,920
Unemployment	1,555	1,270	1,670
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	3.9	5.2

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 17-21, 1986

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	17,010	100.0
Men	11,031	64.9
Under 45	8,513	77.2
45 and over	2,518	22.8
Women	5,979	35.1
Under 45	4,039	67.6
45 and over	1,940	32.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	3,706	21.8
Manufacturing	6,922	40.7
Public Utilities	716	4.2
Wholesale and Retail	2,518	14.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	297	1.7
Service	1,854	10.9
All Other	997	5.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,399	8.2
Clerical and Sales	3,077	18.1
Service	1,416	8.3
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	927	5.4
Processing	454	2.7
Machine Trades	1,416	8.3
Bench Work	2,098	12.3
Structural Work	4,178	24.7
Miscellaneous	2,010	11.8
INA	35	0.2

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	421.0	420.7	416.3	+ 300	+ 4,700
MANUFACTURING -	119.7	118.8	118.9	+ 900	+ 800
NONMANUFACTURING	301.3	301.9	297.4	- 600	+ 3,900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.2	13.5	11.9	- 300	+ 1,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.6	13.6	13.4	-	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	90.4	91.3	88.9	- 900	+ 1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.2	23.2	23.0	-	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	102.9	102.5	101.8	+ 400	+ 1,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.0	57.8	58.4	+ 200	- 400

1986 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1985 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES					
	IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1985
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.7	118.8	118.9	+900	+800	315.15	301.20	40.3	40.0	7.82	7.53
DURABLE GOODS	81.8	81.1	81.5	+700	+300	317.93	305.12	40.5	40.2	7.85	7.59
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.8	2.7	2.8	+100	0	375.91	354.04	41.4	42.4	9.08	8.35
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0	381.60	372.91	40.0	40.8	9.54	9.14
PRIMARY METALS	6.2	6.2	6.0*	0	+200	384.05	397.38	43.2	44.7	8.89	8.89
FABRICATED METALS	9.5	9.6	9.6	- 100	- 100	281.56	263.87	39.6	39.8	7.11	6.63
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.7*	5.6*	5.6	+100	+100	427.68	418.75	44.0	44.5	9.72	9.41
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.1	12.0	11.9	+100	+200	304.78	275.94	40.8	37.8	7.47	7.30
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.6	9.9	+100	- 200	409.42	424.13	40.1	41.5	10.21	10.22
INSTRUMENTS	5.7*	5.7*	5.6*	0	+100	306.77	288.80	41.4	40.0	7.41	7.22
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.4	22.5	22.8	- 100	- 400	256.88	245.78	40.2	39.9	6.39	6.16
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.1	5.6	5.7	+500	+400	235.63	226.10	34.6	34.0	6.81	6.65
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	37.7	37.4	+200	+500	310.00	293.38	40.0	39.7	7.75	7.39
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+100	253.26	230.95	37.8	36.6	6.70	6.31
TEXTILES	10.8*	10.6	10.6	+200	+200	293.53	272.43	41.4	40.6	7.09	6.71
APPAREL	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0	273.41	255.82	41.3	40.8	6.62	6.27
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+100	291.40	274.65	41.1	41.3	7.09	6.65
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.3	6.3	6.3	0	0	410.65	387.45	38.2	37.8	10.75	10.25
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 100	406.81	400.98	40.6	41.0	10.02	9.78
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0	315.19	290.34	40.1	41.3	7.86	7.03
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0	304.58	300.70	39.3	38.7	7.75	7.77
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+200	215.00	211.47	38.6	39.9	5.57	5.30

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changed during this period. Compared to February 1985, the largest payroll increase in Durable Goods was reported in Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+400). Also up from their year ago job levels were Primary Metals and Electrical Machinery (+200 each), and Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments (+100 each). Jewelry-Silverware payrolls were down 400 for the twelve-month period followed by declines in Transportation Equipment (-200) and Fabricated Metals (-100). Employment in Lumber/Furniture and Stone-Clay-Glass posted no change from the same month a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, the sole monthly job gain occurred in Textiles (+200) while the remaining segments were unchanged from the previous month. On an annual comparison, employment upturns were registered in Textiles and Leather Products (+200 each) and Food-Beverage and Paper Products (+100 each). A decline of 100 workers was reported in Chemical Products, while employment in Apparel, Printing-Publishing, Rubber Products, and Plastics Products was unchanged compared to a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector declined by 600 from January to February, due to continuing seasonal layoffs in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Construction. However, the February total of 301,300 was 3,900 higher than the February 1985 level of 297,400.

The Service category posted the largest monthly increase in Nonmanufacturing, adding 400 workers. At 102,900, this segment was also up 1,100 from a year ago. Total Government employment, at 58,000, rose 200 for the month, but was down 400 from last February. Wholesale and Retail Trade payrolls decreased by 900 from January to 90,400; however, this figure is 1,500 greater than the 88,900 employed in this category one year ago. Although construction jobs fell by 300 for the month to 13,200, this represents an annual increase of 1,300. Transportation and Public Utilities and Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate recorded no change in employment from January to February. However, both the former, at 13,600, and the latter, at 23,200, posted a job gain of 200 compared to a year earlier.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers increased by 4 cents to $7.82 in February; this figure was up 29 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.3 of an hour in February to 40.3 hours, but this was 0.3 of an hour higher than reported in February 1985. Average weekly earnings for these workers in February amounted to $315.15. While this represents a decrease of 72 cents from last month, it is $13.95 more than was reported in February last year.

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